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SUBJECT Intelligence Committee/Former Agents

FRANK REYNOLDS: The Senate Intelligence Committee today advised the President to forget about his plan to loosen restrictions on the CIA. The Administration has proposed the intelligence agency be allowed to operate more freely here at home by infiltrating domestic organizations.

The Committee said the restrictions imposed by President Carter should remain in effect.

The CIA is still investigating charges that some of its former agents utilized their connections with the agency in their own activities abroad, especially in Libya.

More on that in this Special Assignment report from William Sherman.

WILLIAM SHERMAN: Muammar Qadaffi, accused by the United States of financing terror throughout the Middle East. The Carter Administration refused to sell him arms. The Reagan Administration condemns him as the world's principal terrorist.

But ABC News has learned that the Central Intelligence Agency's Office of Personnel has used to recruit American advisers to train Muammar Qadaffi's terrorist squads. This is the first indication that the offices and the apparatus of the CIA were actively used as part of that Libyan training mission, a mission allegedly masterminded by two former CIA agents.